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ORDINANCE NO. 50-186

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.12.040 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO WATER SERVICE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 17.12.040 of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Requirements of applicants for new service.” If an application is for water service to premises not previously served, the following requirements shall be met:

- (a) **Meter Settings and Service Lines in Areas Served by Existing Water Mains.** In areas where water mains exist adjacent to property to be served, the applicant, upon submission of information to the Water Department (the Department) as to the location and nature of the premises, will be provided with information as to the proposed location of the meter setting. If the customer's service line has been installed prior to the application for service, it shall be the applicant's responsibility to clearly mark the location thereof. The Department shall have sole jurisdiction, however, to determine the location of the Department service line, and the feasibility of a connection to the customer's service line. It shall be the applicant's responsibility at applicant's expense to run applicant's service line from the premises being served to the meter setting at or near the curb line. The Department service line meter setting and meter shall be placed within public Right-of-Way or such other locations as determined by the Director of Public Works & Utilities, and will be installed and maintained by the Department and kept within its exclusive control.
- (b) **Areas Not Served by Existing Water Mains.** Applications for service in areas not served by existing water mains shall be governed by the provisions of Section 17.12.270 of this Code.
- (c) **Installation and Maintenance of Customer's Service Line.** The customer shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair, and any leakage in the piping from the meter to place of use.

Installation of the customer's service line shall be done by a master plumber and in accordance with the Wichita / Sedgwick Uniform Building and Trade Code.

- (d) Size of Meters. The Department shall determine the size of the meter to be installed, based upon information furnished by the applicant. Any change in meter size requested by a customer after the initial meter installation shall be granted insofar as is reasonable but the entire cost shall be borne by the customer unless determined otherwise by the Director of the Department. In cases of dispute as to meter size, the Department shall have sole jurisdiction.
- (e) Size of Department Service Line. The size of the Department service line shall be determined by the Department, based upon information furnished by the applicant. However, in no case shall the Department service line be the same size or any greater size than the water main to which it is connected. Any change in size or location of the Department service line after the original installation shall be done at customer's expense unless determined otherwise by the Director of the Department.
- (f) Special Vaults to House Meters—Cost of Construction; Location of Meter Settings and Vaults. In cases where the size of the meter is one and one-half inches or larger, or other special circumstances make it necessary to construct a special vault in which to house the meter, all costs of construction of such vault shall be borne by the applicant. Outside building meter settings and vaults shall be installed whenever possible and inside building meter installations must be approved in writing by the Director of the Department.
- (g) Same—Responsibility of Customer for Installation, Maintenance, etc. With respect to all premises served by the Department, whether located within or without the corporate limits of the city, it shall be the responsibility of the customer to install or have installed thereon, such special vaults as are prescribed by the Department according to and in conformity with specifications and drawings which shall be furnished the applicant by the Department. All such special vaults so constructed and installed on the customer premises, adjacent to the property line shall be the property of the customer. The customer shall be responsible for all maintenance and adjustment to grade of the special vault.

In instances where circumstances necessitate the location of special vaults in a public Right-of-Way for street, alley or similar public uses, the construction and installation of the special vault shall be accomplished by the customer at locations approved by the City Engineer.

(h) Connection Fees. Prior to the installation of a standard service, the applicant shall pay in advance a connection fee for the installation by the Department of the standard service line. The connection fee shall be determined by the Director of the Department, and shall be based on the actual costs of similar installation work.

For a standard service line four inches or larger, the connection fee will be based upon an estimate of cost prepared by the Department.

SECTION 2. The original of Section 17.12.040 of the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be included in the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, and shall be effective upon its passage and publication once in the official City paper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City of Wichita, Kansas this 26th day of April, 2016.

Jeff Longwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Sublett, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Jennifer Magaña
Director of Law and City Attorney